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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF JAPANESE DESIRE FOR EARLY CARTER-FUKUDA
SUMMIT

SUMMARY. GOJ SOURCES DENY ANY SERIOUS PLANNING BEHIND PRESS
REPORTS (STEMMING FROM CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SONODA) THAT
PRIMIN FUKUDA CONTEMPLATING SECOND SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT.
END SUMMARY.

1. SEPTEMBER 26 TOKYO NEWSPAPERS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY
TO STATEMENT BY "GOVERNMENT SOURCE" THAT PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE WAS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING PLAN TO ARRANGE EARLY
U.S.-JAPAN SUMMIT, POSSIBLY BEFORE END OF YEAR, IN
HAWAII. ACCORDING TO UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE, PURPOSE OF
THIS SECOND CARTER-FUKUDA MEETING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS
TRADE AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, CHINA RELATIONS AND
SOUTHEAST ASIA SITUATION.

2. FONOFF AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY
DENIED THAT ANY SUCH PLAN FOR EARLY SUMMIT WAS UNDER
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CONSIDERATION. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES, GOJ
SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH PRIMIN FUKUDA WAS READY TO
MEET WITH PRESIDENT AT ANY TIME IF NECESSARY, NO SPECIFIC
DATES WERE IN MIND NOR WERE THERE ANY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE
REQUIRING SUCH MEETING AT PRESENT.

3. EMBASSY HAS DETERMINED THROUGH BOTH FONOFF AND CHIEF

CABINET SECRETARY'S OFFICE THAT ORIGINAL PRESS STORY WAS
BASED ON IMPROMPTU REMARKS TO JOURNALISTS BY CHIEF CABINET
SECRETARY SONODA DURING VISIT TO HOME PREFECTURE KUMAMOTO
OVER WEEKEND. FONOFF FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DEPDIR YAMAZAKI
AND SONODA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY HAYASHI INFORMED EMBOFF THAT
SONODA'S COMMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITHOUT CLEARANCE OR FORE-
KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER OFFICIALS (YAMAZAKI SAID SONODA'S
STATEMENT OCCASIONED 4:00 AM PHONE CALL FROM FONMIN HATOYAMA
IN MEXICO TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION). HAYASHI EMPHASIZED
TO EMBOFF THAT SONODA STORY DID NOT REPRESENT TRIAL BALLOON
ON GOJ'S PART TO SOUND OUT USG ON POSSIBILITY OF EARLY
SUMMIT. PRIMIN FUKUDA, HE NOTED, HAD PERSONALLY CLEARED
LANGUAGE OF GOJ SPOKESMAN DOWNPLAYING NEED FOR ANY SUCH
SUMMIT IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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